

**Minutes of the
Utah Technology Industry Council Meeting
Held February 24, 2005 at the DCED Offices**

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am. In attendance were:

Voting Members Present:

Stan lockhart	-	Micron - Chair
Suzanne Winters	-	Canyon Concepts - Vice Chair
Peter Genereaux	-	Executive Resource Group
Brad Bertoch	-	Wayne Brown Institute
Curtis Brunson	-	L-3 Communications
John Sutherland	-	Cemaphore Systems

Other Attendees:

Martin Frey	-	State of Utah-DBED
Ladd Christensen	-	State of Utah-DBED
Sharon Cox	-	State of Utah-DBED
Bryce Wallace	-	Deseret News

Welcome & Approval of Minutes: The Chairman welcomed all present following which the minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Legislative Update: The Chairman gave an update on the following UTIC Legislative issues.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>
Entrep Education & Incubation.....	No progress
Federal Grants.....	Placed on the Bill of Bills for bid through RFP process
Referendum on State Equity Ownership.....	Constitutional Amendment is in place
Tech Based Econ. Dev.....	Became HB 11. Passed in House & Senate
Engineering Initiative.....	Likely to be funded, but not at the level asked for
Utah Technology Alliance Funding.....	No action
Centers of Excellence.....	Likely to receive additional funding
Tax Code Revisions.....	Bill likely to pass

Strategic Plan Update: The Chairman asked Martin Frey to explain his vision for the UTIC Strategic Plan. Mr. Frey noted that there were several existing technology studies but no consensus on areas of focus. He stated that he would like to build a coalition of various organizations including UTIC and in others, so that government, universities and industry could come to consensus on a common set of initiatives and be more effectively aligned. Mr. Frey drew reference to Boston State and the MIT/Harvard alignment, and offered that as a model for his vision. Rather than UTIC chartering a study at this time, Mr. Frey suggested that the Council review existing studies.

Mr. Frey also stated that he saw great value in the UTIC, particularly in its ability to keep the Legislature integrated and aligned, in garnering legislative support for technology initiatives, as well as in its policy making power. He stated that he envisions reinforcing those roles, and UTIC playing a more prominent role than it has in the past.

Peter Genereaux proposed a motion to have DBED take over ownership the Strategic Plan project and to have UTIC hold DBED accountable for follow-through. Martin Frey acknowledged Mr. Genereaux's work on the project to date and his present need for an exit strategy. The Chairman requested that Mr. Genereaux reserve his motion pending further discussions with Martin and Ladd. Mr. Frey requested that UTIC continue to interface with the RFP applicants.

MOTION: The following motion was proposed by Martin Frey, seconded by Peter Genereaux and unanimously passed by the Council: *As top priority over the next 6 months, UTIC shall determine what the technology clusters are, then figure out and take ownership of a strategy to effectively support those clusters.*

Other Business: The Chairman will report on membership status at the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.